

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A solid oral pharmaceutical composition containing carbidopa and levodopa in a 1: 4 weight ratio, in the form of ethylcellulose-coated granules.

2. (original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said granules are included in gelatin capsules or sachets.

3. (original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, containing from 10 to 200 mg carbidopa and 40 to 800 mg levodopa.

4. (original) A composition as claimed in claim 3, containing 50 mg carbidopa and 200 mg levodopa.

5. (currently amended) A composition according to any previous claim 1, containing 90% levodopa and carbidopa, 3% polyethylene glycol, 1.70% ethylcellulose, 0.8% talc, 4.5% polyvinylpyrrolidone, potassium metabisulfite q. s. to 100.

6. (original) A composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the granules have a mean diameter ranging from 500 to 1200pm.

7. (currently amended) The use of carbidopa and levodopa in a 1: 4 weight ratio Method for the preparation of ethylcellulose-coated granules to be used in the treatment of Parkinson's diseases or related pathologies, which comprises admixing an effective amount of carbidopa and levodopa in a 1: 4 weight ratio.